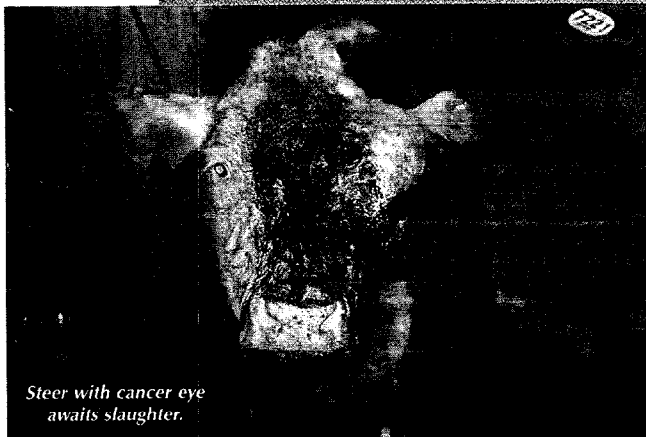


# NEWS AND NOTICES

would you? wanna eat this? Much less hurt it, no, !.....

## MEAT "STANDARDS" LOWERED ?!

A report issued last summer by the USDA's inspector general concluded that FSIS (the USDA sub-agency responsible for overseeing 6,000 slaughter plants nationally and monitoring state programs which inspect another 3,000 plants), "has reduced its oversight short of what is prudent and necessary for the protection of the consumer." According to *Feedstuffs*, the report cited "deficiencies in the agency's enforcement of standards compliance, laboratory analysis of product samples, approval of foreign meat inspection programs exporting to the U.S., and perhaps most prominently, implementation of the recently reformed plant-level standards, called the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system."



Steer with cancer eye awaits slaughter.

## CANCER MEAT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved the use of meat from animals with cancer. What's wrong with you? God

The *Scripps Howard News Service* reported: "The federal agency overseeing food inspection is declassifying animal carcasses with cancers, tumors and open sores as safe for human consumption." Among animal diseases the USDA claims do not present a health problem to consumers are: cancer, glandular swellings or lymphomas, sores, infectious arthritis, diseases caused by intestinal worms, and airsacculitis (a poultry pneumonia). Describing one meat inspector's response, the news report stated, "he's so revolted by the lowering of food wholesomeness standards that he doesn't buy meat at the supermarket anymore because he doesn't trust it is safe to eat. [H]e's trying to get his wife to stop eating meat."

After hearing the news about "cancer meat," Farm Sanctuary member Judy wrote: "I met with my congresswoman about animal issues, and she said that the new USDA rulings allowing the sale of cancerous meat is so disgusting it could make her a vegetarian." I already am on

I wish you'd wake up....

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